



FACT FORM # 710

WISCONSIN'S INDUSTRIAL PARKS AND TRANSPORTATION LINKS

Wisconsin has over 80,519 acres in 590 industrial parks located throughout the state. These parks are linked to an extensive international transportation system including rail, air, truck, and ship. Wisconsin's industrial parks feature infrastructure improvements such as roads, public sanitary sewer, water supply, power, and communications. Each park can also accommodate a wide range of industrial and technical activities.

Because of these advantages, Wisconsin is home to over 63 distribution centers, offering a total of 26,819,000 square feet in storage space.

STRATEGICALLY LOCATED

- Wisconsin is strategically located in the center of the United States, with 44% of all Americans living within 750 miles of the state's borders.
- Its major ports of the Great Lakes's routes make Wisconsin the gateway to trade both in the United States and around the world.



- Milwaukee, Wisconsin's largest city, has been designated a major foreign trade zone. There are four additional foreign trade subzones located in the state.
- The cornerstones of Wisconsin's trade network are its highway, rail, air, and port systems.

AIRPORTS

Wisconsin has 104 public airports. Of this number, over 50 airports can accommodate small corporate jet traffic, and 12 airports provide regularly-scheduled year-round air carrier services.

Milwaukee's Mitchell International Airport is the state's hub for domestic and international transport. Additional flights are available at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, located 70 miles south of Milwaukee.



INTERSTATE AND HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Wisconsin's most extensive transportation system is its interstate, highway, and connective road network. Over 112,000 miles of toll-free, well-maintained roads link cities and resources within Wisconsin and around the country. Less congested than the national average, Wisconsin's interstate highways ensure greater reliability for just-in-time deliveries.

Wisconsin's Corridors 2020 Program is accelerating improvements to key highway linkages across the state in order to meet the transportation needs of Wisconsin's business into the 21st century. When completed, over 95 percent of the state's population will live within 25 miles of a multilane divided highway.



Wisconsin is a leader in providing a competitive trucking climate, encouraging the use of high-productivity, 53-foot trailers.

RAILROADS

Wisconsin's 3,646 miles of rail link the state to major cities across the nation. Both Class 1 and regional railroads serve Wisconsin's extensive rail network. Major lines include Burlington Northern, Inc.; Union Pacific (C&NW); Canadian Pacific (Soo); Canadian National (CN); Wisconsin and Southern; and the Escanaba and Lake Superior.

WATER PORTS

Wisconsin's commercial ports offer state-of-the-art facilities that can handle machinery, liquid, dry bulk, steel, containers, and heavy lift cargo. Fourteen major commercial ports connect global markets to Wisconsin. The 1,050 miles of Wisconsin waterways, integral to the world's water transport system, provide ocean linkage via the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River.



THE TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Wisconsin recognizes that the ability of its transportation system to serve the changing needs of industry is a major component to the success of its aggressive economic development agenda. The Transportation Economic Assistance Program (TEA) provides Wisconsin the flexibility to make highway and rail improvements that are needed to retain or attract existing or new business. Under the TEA program, the state will pay 50 percent of the necessary costs to assist a variety of transportation-related business development projects.

Discover Wisconsin, the gateway to your customers.